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SUBJECT: USE OF MSGS ASSIGNED TO LAGOS CONSEC

REF: LAGOS 06988

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL FOLLOWING INFO PROVIDED.:

A. MSGS ARE PROVIDED TO A MISSION TO PERFORM THE GUARD FUNCTION IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSION'S SECURITY PROGRAM. IN THIS REGARD, ONLY AS MANY MARINES AS WILL PERMIT A 40 HOUR WORK WEEK ON THE GUARD POSTS ESTABLISHED WILL BE PROVIDED. SHOULD SECURITY REQUIREMENTS, SUCH AS CONSEC, DICTATE THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL POSTS, A RECOMPUTATION OF ALL POSTS AND DUTY HOURS MUST BE MADE AND ONLY SO MANY MSGS AS ARE NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN DUTY HOURS AT AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL WILL BE PROVIDED.

B. ALL MARINES ASSIGNED TO A DETACHMENT, WHETHER PERMANENT
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OR TDY, ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DETACHMENT NCOIC AND PERFORM THEIR DUTIES UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE RSO. THERE ARE NO PROVISIONS IN THE TDY SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR SPLIT DETACHMENTS.

C. THE DEPARTMENT WAS NOT MADE AWARE OF INFORMATION PROVIDED TO RSO BY C.O., COMPANY "F" BUT FEELS SURE IT

WAS C.O.'S INTENT TO SPARE ACTING NCOIC BRITT THE ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF CONTROLLING TDY MARINES LIVING APART FROM MARINE HOUSE. HOWEVER, REGARDLESS OF COMPANY'S GOOD INTENTIONS SUCH A PROCEDURE RESULTS IN EXCESSIVE TDY COSTS AND RESTRICTS RSO'S ABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH THE REQUIRED SECURITY COVERAGE WITH THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF PERSONNEL.

2. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED BY DEPARTMENT ARE TO BE FOLLOWED. ANY FUTURE DEVIATION FROM PROCEDURES STATED ABOVE WILL BE RESULT OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN DEPARTMENT AND MSG BATTALION IF WARRANTED.

3. EVALUATION OF INFORMATION PROVIDED IN PARA 4 OF REFTEL INDICATES A TOTAL OF 527 HOURS INCLUDING 1/9 FACTOR. PRESENT PERMANENT DETACHMENT OF 12 WATCHSTANDERS WOULD INCUR WORKLOAD OF 44 HOURS PER MAN WITHOUT TDY ASSISTANCE. THIS LEVEL OF DUTY HOURS IS CONSIDERED WELL WITHIN CAPABILITIES OF MARINES ASSIGNED. ACCORDINGLY, UNLESS THERE ARE ADDITIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF WHICH DEPARTMENT IS NOT AWARE, CONSEC TDY MSGS FOR LAGOS WILL BE TERMINATED ON JUNE 15 AND TDY MSGS WILL BE RETURNED TO THEIR PARENT DETACHMENTS TO REDUCE WORKLOAD INCURRED BY THOSE POSTS. PRESENT DETACHMENT MUST ASSUME COVERAGE OF CONSEC SITE.

4. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES POST'S CONCISE FACTUAL REPLY TO OUR INQUIRY. REFTEL IS FIRST CLEAR AND SPECIFIC INFORMATION. CONFIDENTIAL

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